WEATHER— Cloudy tonight and Sunday; probably snow flurries; warmer Sunday; moderate variable winds.

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Entire City Becomes One Big Family For Celebration Of Xmas

Every One In City Takes Part In Observance Of Day.

SIXTY FAMILIES ARE PROVIDED WITH FOOD

Associated Charities and Elks Take Care of Distribution of Baskets and Gifts—Municipal Tree Draws Crowd on Christmas Eve, and Carol Singers Serenade the Invalids and Elderly People of the City—Churches Hold Services Which Are Attended By Crowds —Wards of Children Home Have Party.

Last year after Christmas St. Joseph drew a long sigh and declared "There never was such a Christmas." That first family Christmas was only a beginning and again this year the city is saying the same thing and rejoicing in the great social awakening which has made this community overflowing with good will and comradeship at Christmas time with a thought for the unfortunate during the ensuing twelve months of the year.

The celebration of the greatest "Children's Day" of the year began for the city at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon when hundreds gathered at the intersection of State and Pleasant streets to admire the big tree which was illuminated from top to bottom with many colored lights. A huge star blazed at the top and shone there all through the night, for the last stragglers on the streets, the tired out clerks leaving the stores and for the hundreds who drove in from the countryside to take part in the services at the churches and the mass at midnight.

The snow interfered somewhat with the plans of the music committee and made it impossible for the band or drum corps to head the line of school children who marched to the tree singing the Christmas carols under the leadership of Prof. Oscar Hatch Hawley. A chorus of singers from the various church choirs sang, and Santa Claus was greeted with shouts as he drove up to the tree and gave the children his Christmas greeting.

He explained to the little folks who pressed close to his sleigh that this was the big family Christmas tree of St. Joseph, that none of our stores or individual citizens had one bit more interest in it than the smallest child. It meant we were one big family.

He explained that this year he would not distribute gifts at the tree but that gifts would be given to everybody and no one would be missed.

He explained that he was in Moscow, New York, Rome and San Francisco at the same time because he was the spirit who crept into the hearts of mothers, fathers, Sunday schools and all people and wherever there was gifts given there he could be found. A shout from the children and clapping of hands interrupted the Christmas saint for a few moments, and as he departed he urged that their last thought at night be one of kindness for the "other fellow." With three cheers for a bigger and better St. Joseph and the ringing of sleighbells, Santa Claus departed as quickly as he came.

Associated Charities Busy.

At 5:30 while the Christmas tree was the center of interest, the last trip was being made by the drays distributing the Christmas baskets for the Associated Charities, who with the assistance of the Elks, remembered 60 families with baskets. Chicken, vegetables, flour, fruit and candy and toys for the children, warm clothing and all sorts of things made up the baskets, and there was no more tired or happier group of people than those who had been plunged into the work. Good Fellows, who proved they were representatives of the "Best People On Earth," took the gifts along with a "Merry Christmas," and were received with shouts from the children and the smiles of joy from their mothers. "Gee, I got more 'God bless you today than in all my life," said one of the men as they left the house after leaving a basket overloaded with Christmas dinner.

The housewives seemed to have taken the choicest of their fruits and jellies for the baskets to the sick and "shut-ins." All contributed to the Christmas dinner and one lady from whose bounty many of the hungry have been fed sent six baskets filled out.

The cash donations amounted to $37.84, including the contents of the kettles which hung during the week at the street corners. Where last year only a little over $8 was received from this source, this year $18.19 was taken in.

The Wells-Higman Co. furnished the baskets for the distribution; the Elks bought generously of provisions and meats and saw to the transportation, and Messrs. Davidson and Stines of the D. and S. store, who shared their quarters with the Associated Charities, assisted generously with the work whenever a spare moment came in their own business, turning in to help the workers. It was well worth the work and effort.

Carol Singers Serenade Many.

Early in the evening a big sleigh filled with carol singers started out on their visit to the invalids and shut-ins who were unable to go down to the Christmas tree. From home to home they went, to the rich and poor, wherever they could find anyone who had been unable to take a part in the city's celebration and the beautiful old carols, "Stille Nacht" and "Come All Ye Faithful" rang out on the night air. In a couple of homes they were called in and one of the number sat at the piano while the group gathered around and sang hymn after hymn. At other homes the sleigh stopped before the door, the songs were sung and a Christmas greeting was caleld as they drove on their way. It was after 11 o'clock when the serenaders turned toward home.

Wards of Home Have Party.

One of the finest parties of the city was held yesterday morning at the receiving home of the Michigan Children's Home society where between 30 and 40 wards of the institution ranging in age from a few months to 18 year gathered. A beautiful tree was decorated, and beautiful the opening of the doors into the parlors, Mrs. T. G. Dickinson sent her automobile over the twin cities to bring in the little crippled or invalid members of the flock who could not have come otherwise.

At 10 o'clock the doors were opened and the gorgeous tree disclosed. Santa Claus came and gave each child a present of toys and some clothing, a bright ribbon for every girl and a beautiful silk tie for some boy, together with playthings and rattles for the tiny members of the big family.

At 11:30 they were ushered into the diningroom where a fine dinner was served, with everything that looks and smells good to the small boy and girl.

Santa was all over the city for at the churches evidences of his visit were left, and out in the south part of the city the quiet of the neighborhood was broken by trumpet blasts and Santa Claus in high boots and snow over his read coat, called on a number of the small boys, declaring that he had had so much work in St. Joseph this year he had to make some calls extra early.

Churches Hold Services.

The Christmas services in the churches were attended by hundreds. On Thursday evening at the German Lutheran, German Evangelical and German Baptist churches, beautiful Christmas trees delighted the children of the Sunday schools. Christmas programs were given and each member of the schools was remembered with gifts.

At St. Peter's church a feature of the service was a showing of the transparency, showing the manger in Bethlehem and the Christ child. At the German Baptist a fine musical program and recitations were given, and at the Lutheran church the children of the school told the story of the Nativity. They repeated their service yesterday afternoon at 4:30.

At midnight mass was sung at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Father Haggerty of Notre Dame delivering the Christmas sermon. Two masses were sung and 900 received communion. The music was exceptionally good, Miss Jeanette Crans assisting the choir with violin numbers. Solos were sung by Misses Jane Harpstrite and Gladys Noey, and Messrs. Theodore Krieger and Harry Freund. Masses were said yesterday morning at 8 and 10 o'clock.

At St. Paul's church the beautiful festival service was held at 10 and an inspiring sermon was delivered by Rev. F. O. Granniss. A large number attended and holy communion was celebrated. The festival music was sung, Mrs. H. M. McConnell, Mrs. Roy Spellman, Miss Edith Hobbs and Mr. H. M. McConnell taking the solos.

At the German Lutheran and St. Peter's church the congregations filled the auditoriums and at the German Baptist church a large number attended the service and listened to a fine sermon by Rev. G. E. Lohr.

At the First Evangelical church last evening the church was filled to its capacity when the children of the Sunday school gave their program and enjoyed their Christmas tree. The cantata which was to have been given was postponed because of colds from which several of the soloists are suffering.

URGESC HANGES IN INSURANCE LAWS OF STATE

SEVERAL IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE.

LANSING, December 26.—It is not likely that the forthcoming legislature will be called upon to consider as many insurance laws as the session of 1913, inasmuch as Commissioner of Insurance Winship is of the opinion that a uniformity of laws among all of the states, or at least among the important states, is desirable, and it is his policy before putting an indorsement upon new insurance laws, or amendments to the old laws, to await consideration by the national convention of insurance commissioners, whose laws and legislation committee, of which he is a member, devotes its entire time to the consideration of uniformity.

However, there are a few subjects upon which the commissioners of the various states have practically agreed, which will be brought before the legislature.

One of these is a new standard fire policy, which is designed to eliminate much of the verbiage in the old standard policy. This policy is designed to make a definite contract, unencumbered with verbiage so far as possible.

Another law to be fathered by the insurance department is the agents' license law—sometimes denominated the agents' qualification law. This will make it possible for local agents to place excess lines of insurance without violating the old law.

Another law to be asked for by the department is the law relating to the average clause. The attorney general of Michigan has ruled that the average clause is nothing more than a co-insurance clause, and in view of this it would be impossible to use it under our present laws, except in the insurance form, so a law will be asked therefore, which will provide for the attachment of the average clause to policies.

Another clause to be asked for is the law relative to underwriters' agencies. This law is practically based upon the Michigan rules made last February, and which caused so much commotion in insurance circles. It does not seek to wipe out underwriters' departments or agencies any more than the ruling did, but it does provide that all such departments must be operated as departments of the insuring company, and the public shall not be misled as to who the insurer is. It is very strict and drastic as to the matter of advertising, and, if adopted, will do away with any misapprehension that the insuring public may have regarding these underwriters' agencies.

Probably the most important bill to be introduced will be the anti-discrimination bill—sometimes called the fire rate law. This has not yet been whipped into form, but will follow the model which was adopted by the insurance commissioners' convention. It will provide for giving legal recognition to rating bureaus and will provide that all agreements among insurance companies must be filed with the department before becoming effective, and that any discrimination in rates may be ordered rectified by an appeal to a board. It is not a state rate-making measure, but leaves the question of rates to be made by coupetent experts upon the subject, only reserving to the state the right to order all discrimination removed.

COLOMA GROWERS WILL BUILD CANNING FACTORY

Friday Brothers, George, Jacob and Phillip, among the largest fruit growers in Berrien county, have purchased a site in Coloma for the erection of a large canning factory. They plan to give employment to 75 persons during the fruit season.

They will can all kinds of fruits and vegetables.

Friday Brothers have also let the contract for the erection of a cold storage plant on one of their farms. They expect to hold in reserve each year a portion of their apple yield for marketing during the late winter and spring.

Atmospheric Pressure.

Atmospheric pressure is no myth. It is a fact that a man of the ordinary size sustains a pressure of about fourteen tons. This enormous pressure is exerted equally in all directions and permeates the whole body with the result that no inconvenience arises in consequence of it.

STUDY MUSIC.

At the St. Joseph Conservatory of Music, State and Broad streets, St. Joseph, Mich. Voice, piano, violin, all instruments, harmony, composition, etc. Phone 88.

COUNTY AGENT BULLARD VISITS WARDS OF STATE

County Agent Wm. H. Bullard is just about half through with his annual visitation to the children who are wards of the state and who have been placed in homes in various parts of Berrien county. There are 26 of these children and the county agent will get around to all of them by the middle of January. He has to make an official report on their condition and surroundings, to see if they are being treated well and are properly provided for. In addition to the state wards Mr. Bullard has also to look after the wards of other states who happen to be in Michigan. He has just visited a case of this kind at Scottville and will report to the Illinois authorities.

"MEANEST MAN" IS CAPTURED BY SHERIFF FRANZ

STOLE BELONGINGS OF BROTHER-IN-LAW AND THEN DESERTED WIFE AND BABE.

Sherif Franz made a Christmas capture of a "meanest man." And the fellow admits all that is charged against him. This is what he did:

He waited until his brother-in-law had been put in jail and then stole his fur overcoat, revolver and a lot more of his personal belongings, deserted his girl wife and their babe and skipped out to Cincinnati to get a job. He very foolishly wrote back to his wife to inform her officially that he had left her. She turned the letter over to the police and the other day Sheriff Franz advised the Cincinnati police to pick up the fugitive. When he had been picked up the sheriff took a run down to the Ohio city and brought back the prisoner on a cahrge of larceny.

The prisoner's name is George Foster. He is 19 years old and a brother-in-law of William Armantrout of Benton Harbor, now being held in the county jail on a serious charge preferred against him by his young daughter.

Armantrout had been in jail but a few days when Foster got to his personal belongings and packed them for "immediate shipment."

The prisoner waived extradition and on the way from Cincinati confessed that he had stolen the goods. He is in the county jail awaiting his hearing.

FUNERAL HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF MASONS

Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, 554 Columbus avenue, Benton Harbor, the funeral of the late Henry Schaus was held. The services were under the auspices of the F. & A. M. of Benton Harbor and Malta Commandery Knights Templar. Rev. G. A. Sahlin officiated and delivered a brief address.

Flowers in a great quantity covered the casket and the pallbearers were chosen from among the close friends Mr. Schaus. The interment took place in the St. Joseph city cemetery.

WOULD MARK LINCOLN TRAIL

Indianan Would Continue Work Undertaken By Illinois Commission.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Roads and trails traveled by Abraham Lincoln when he and his parents emigrated from Indiana to Illinois will be determined and suitably marked, provided a bill being prepared by Jesse W. Weik, a biographer of Greencastle, Ind., is passed by the legislature, which convenes January 7. Dr. Weik's bill will call for a commission of two to determine the route taken by the Lincoln family when they left this state in 1830.

Illinois has a commission which just completed the work of tracing the route taken by the Lincolns from the Wabash river to Decatur, Ill., and there has been a great demand that a similar honor be done the memory of the great president in Southern Indiana.

How Is It With You?

When a man's growing boys are going a bit wild the old man holds the mother responsible for them and in conversation with her about them he alludes to them as "Those whelps of yours." But when they're nice, long-eared, goody-goody boys he refers to them as "My sons."—New York World.

Press Want Ads bring returns.

"NO POMP AT INAUGURATION" SAYS FERRIS

CUSTOMARY INAUGURAL RECEPTION WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR.

LANSING, December 26.—When Woodbridge N. Ferris reads his inaugural message to the Michigan legislature January 6, he will at the same time celebrate his sixty-second birthday anniversary. It was just 62 years ago January 2 that the present and future governor of Michigan first saw the daylight in the rough little home down in New York state.

The coming inaugural, January 1, is to be even more simple than that of 1913, when Mr. Ferris first took his oath of office. It is at his own request that there shall be just as little formality about the proceeding as possible. If the day is fair the governor and other state officers will stand on the steps of the capitol building at Lansing and will be administered the oath of office by the chief justice of the supreme court. Battery A, First artillery, M. N. G., will fire the salute and that will be the end of the ceremonies. Two years ago Governor Ferris consented to the usual reception following the taking of the oath. This year there will be no reception. Two years ago Mrs. Ferris severely overtaxed her strength at that function and the governor doesn't propose there shall be any temptation for her to do so again.

There will be the usual big crowd to see the formalities. It is expected that from all over the state the democratic party leaders will come down to see a democratic governor inaugurated for the second consecutive time, this being the first time in the history of Michigan that such an occurrence has happened. National Committeeman Edwin C. Wood and State Chairman Shields will have a few little spectacular stunts to pull off as they did two years ago just by way of showing their delight at the victory.

Another Campaign In Two Years.

"I sincerely hope this is my last campaign," said Governor Ferris last night. "I have had all that kind of a fight I want."

"You have one more campaign coming two years hence," was suggested.

"What for?" he asked.

"Why, for United States senator" was the reply.

The governor just waved his hand and turned his head away with a smile.

"We're just going to live after this coming two years have elapsed" said Mr. Ferris.

"I've heard that statement made many times before by public men," was the reply. "I remember hearing a certain white-haired governor of Michigan within the year make the statement that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for re-election. But he was and was re-elected."

"Seems to me I heard that same statement," said Mrs. Ferris, and the governor just laughed.

He'll be in the game for senator in 1916 and the democrats are right this minute laying their plans for that campaign, with Ferris as the standard bearer.

But the governor had some rather interesting things to say of actions he will take in the near future. For instance, relative to his appointments.

"I have no idea of announcing the appointment of a bank commissioner for several days yet," he said. (It had been said the announcement was to have been made Christmas day. "You know I rather expect to hand that appointment to a man who does not dream of ever getting that or any other job. I haven't decided definitely, but I have a desire to hand that appointment at least to a man before he can ask for it. In most cases everybody is seeking the job. I would like to just once in my career as governor hand a job to a man who does not seek it, and to whom the appointment will come as a complete surprise."

Other appointments were talked of to some extent and one or two very interesting statements were made by Governor Ferris.

"This talk about my not appointing O. F. Barnes on the tax commission again is all bunk," he said with considerable emphasis. "I have nothing on Barnes a long time ago that he was to have the job, although he never yet asked me for it. I have no intention of disrupting any board in Michigan. So long as they work harmoniously and get the results, I am not going to juggle men around for any purpose. Barnes has been an exceptionally good man on the tax commission, and any talk that I might not reappoint him is just as foolish as the talk that I am out after Jim Russell's scalp up at Marquette prison. That's all bunk, too. I have no intention in the world of trying to get Russell's job. So long as he delivers the goods up there he is perfectly safe so far as I am concerned.

DOUBLE ACREAGE OF BEETS IN CONTRACT

BAY CITY, December 26.—One of the most successful and profitable season in the history of the beet sugar industry in Michigan is the prospect for 1915, according to statements of officials of the Michigan Sugar company here. Due largely, it is believed, to the recent announcement of $1 per ton increase in the price of the beets for next year there has been a rush of contracts and every factory in the state is expected to have an unusually large acreage during the coming season.

The manager of one company declared that by January 1 he would have more than double the number of acres under contract than had been obtained on the same date a year ago.

JAMES M'ANTEE DIES SUDDENLY

DEATH COMES WHILE AT HIS WORK AT GRAHAM & MORTON DOCKS.

A half hour after he had left his home this morning for the Graham & Morton docks, James McAntee was taken with a severe heart attack and a few moments after his wife and son reached his side passed away.

Mr. McAntee had not complained of feeling badly and was at work in the stockrooms of the steamship company with Captain A. J. Simons of this city when he was stricken. He complained of feeling dizzy and when the captain turned to assist him found him sinking. Medical aid was summoned and the message sent to Mrs. McAntee and her son John. They arrived a few minutes before he breathed his last. Mr. McAntee had been a sufferer from heart trouble for the past two years and at times had been in a critical condition. He had spent the day happily yesterday with his family enjoying their first Christmas in the new home on Market street in which they had been residing for only a month. The shock of his death was prostrated his wife.

James McAntee was one of those men whose integrity made for him an enviable place in the community. He was a native of this city and was born April 5, 1861. He attended the public schools here and after the completion of his studies was employed on the tugs running out of this port. Nineteen years ago he entered the employ of the Graham & Morton company as an engineer on their tugs and in that time has given faithful service which was rewarded by the entire confidence of the employers. In honor to his memory today flags float at half-mast from the docks and the steamers of the fleet.

Mr. McAntee was married on February 4, 1890, to Miss Nellie Flaherty, who with one son, John, survive him. He was a brother of the late Chief of Police Owen McAntee, whose death occurred but a few months ago.

Mr. McAntee was a devout member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and fraternally was affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the St. Valley Tent K. O. T. M. M. and the L. T. P. A., an organization of licensed tugmen.

The funeral arrangements have not been made awaiting word from relatives.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR PIPESTONE PIONEER TODAY

Funeral services were held this afternoon for C. N. Haskins, a pioneer of Pipestone township residing in the Naomi district, who died Thursday following a stroke of paralysis.

He was 70 years old.

Mr. Haskins was an active member of the G. A. R. and for many years was prominent in the local affairs of Pipestone, where he lived all his life. He is survived by a widow and two children, a son Jasper Haskins of Naomi, and a daughter in Seattle, Wash.

Best Think Softly.

"If blue or depressed, think of a pretty girl or something equally as pleasant," advises a doctor. Hm. In the case of a married man it would be best for him not to do his thinking out loud.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Back Number.

"I wouldn't dream of marrying him. Why, he said he would do everything to make me happy." "What is wrong about that?" "He ought to know that humans are put on earth to fulfill missions, not to be happy."

DANCE AT STEVENSVILLE.

Saturday night. Arnswald's orchestra. 12-24-21

CHRISTMAS IS CELEBRATED IN HARD FIGHTING

European Armies Continue Attacks Against Foes During Yuletide

REPORT NAVAL BATTLE OFF COAST OF CHILI

London Hears Reports From Valparaiso That Squadron of British Warships Are in Engagement With German Cruiser Dresden and Converted Cruiser Prinz Eitel Frederich—General von Hindenberg is Advancing Toward Warsaw From Direction of Thorn.

(Press Special Service)

LONDON, December 26.—Christmas passed without a truce.

Although there was no cessation of activity yesterday there were no engagements of importance in either arena. The most spectacular of events was a duel between a German aeroplane and two British biplanes over the River Thames. It was witnessed by thousands.

The German craft escaped in the fog.

Von Hindenberg in Advance.

BERLIN, December 26.—Reports today tell of inactivity along the Polish front with the Austrians making a concentration effort to move down the valley of the Nida in the direction of Carnow.

British observers believe that the movement is too late.

General von Hindenberg is keeping up his bulldog drive on the Vistula and is apparently making his present move toward Warsaw from Thorn. He advanced several miles yesterday.

Russians Claim Success.

PETROGRAD, December 26.—It is reported that the Russians have assumed the offensive at several points in Poland and that on Christmas day they captured 11,000 prisoners.

Battle Off Valparaiso?

LONDON, December 26.—Paris reports slight progress from Nieuport but Berlin claims that several British trenches were captured yesterday.

There are unconfirmed reports from Valparaiso which declare that a naval battle is being fought off the coast of Chili between the British squadron and the German cruiser Dresden and converted cruiser, Prinz Eitel Frederich.

Japan Is Given Island.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—The Japanese embassy here has been officially informed from Tokyo that Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the island of Sakhalin for some heavy guns.

The southern half of the island was ceded to Japan in 1905 by the treaty of Portsmouth.

LONG TERM OF SUFFERING ENDS

DEATH OF MRS. JACOB E. ENDERS OCCURRED LAST NIGHT.

After having been an invalid for the past fourteen years, Mrs. Jacob E. Enders died last night at her home in Benton Harbor. Her infirmities resulted from a fall received 14 years ago and which was followed by paralytic strokes. For the past few days she had been in her usual health and on Thursday was able to be out for an automobile drive. She was 47 years of age.

Mrs. Enders formerly resided in St. Joseph, moving to Benton Harbor from this city when he husband established the Enders & Co. dry-goods store in that city. She was well known here.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Newell A. McCune of the First Methodist church, of which she was a member, officiating.

Pioneer Veterinarians.

The classical Greeks had veterinarians. But veterinary medicine and surgery did not originate with the Greeks. So far as we know to the contrary, it had its start with the Egyptians, the wonderful people who seem to have originated most of the useful arts that are here today.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Guy Hancock, 24, Benton Harbor; Jeanette Lewis, 27, Ypsilanti.

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EXCESSIVE LAW MAKING.

Men are discussing remedies for excessive law-making, which has come to be an intolerable nuisance. A writer in the Atlantic Monthly, William D. Parkinson, makes an interesting, but impracticable, suggestion on the subject.

It is estimated that fifty thousand new statutes are turned loose every year by the various lawmaking bodies of the United States, and it goes without saying that the great majority of these statutes are wholly unnecessary, and in many instances are absolutely bad.

Look, for example, at the vicious Sherman law, and the brood of business-crushing enactments that have followed it to the great detriment of the prosperity and enterprise of the people of the United States!

Mr. Parkinson says with truth that the output of crude and imperfect legislation must be reduced in quantity and improved in quality, or it will cease to be regarded and respected as law. How this tendency can be checked he does not know. He suggests, however, that the greater number of new laws enacted be made self-repealing.

Admitting that such a plan would not be applicable to certain classes of legislation, where stability is desirable from the outset, he feels that petty legislation and laws which are frankly experimental might be passed for a definite time with the provision that they should lapse definitely if they were found by experience to be unsuccessful.

Whatever may be thought of Mr. Parkinson's suggestion it at least shows, as the Springfield Republican points out, that the perils of excessive lawmaking are attracting increasing notice and if these perils can be impressed upon the public reform may be expected along this line.

One thing might be done that is certainly practicable, and that is to abolish state legislatures, for substantially the same reason that common councils are being abolished by cities, and place the state under the commission form of government, with party politics entirely eliminated, and it would not be long before a state like Michigan would be a very desirable one for people to move into, instead of being, as now, a desirable one to move out of, on account of the burdens of its present system of lawmaking.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

SIGNS OF BUSINESS REVIVAL.

(Grand Rapids News.)

Incidents multiply to indicate that the 5 per cent advance in freight rates granted by the eastern railroads is resulting in buying activities on the part of the big systems. Incidentally, that means a general stimulus to business interests.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has ordered $3,000,000 worth of copper wire.

The Illinois Central railroad has ordered $2,000,000 worth of equipment.

The Armour Grain company announces that it will begin the erection of a $2,000,000 grain elevator on the Calumet river, south of Chicago.

The Reading railroad has ordered five locomotives.

An eastern railroad has ordered 200 steel freight cars from the Cambria Steel company.

The Great Lakes Engineering company of Detroit, is said to have closed contracts for five steel freight steamers at a cost of between $1,500,000 and $1,800,000.

These orders do not mean that general prosperity is coming at a hop, skip and jump. But the opening up of the big steel and railway supply industries will result in the gradual opening up of every other kind of industry.

Altogether the new year will dawn with much rosier business prospects than even the most optimistic would have forecasted three months ago.

STEVENSVILLE.

The pupils of the intermediate department gave their teacher, Miss Edna Schupe, an orange shower on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Schoenfelder of South Bend are spending their vacation here with friends.

Rev. Oviatt attended Christmas exercises at Bridgman on Tuesday evening.

School closed on Tuesday evening, permitting the teachers to spend the vacation at their respective houses.

The Christmas exercises was held on Wednesday evening. A large crowd of little people spent a pleasant evening with Santa Claus, who promised to be with them next year.

Mrs. F. Schneck left Thursday for Chicago to spend Christmas with her children.

Mrs. Shaw and sister, Miss Martin, left Thursday evening for Luther, Mich., to spend the vacation with their parents.

Preaching service next Sunday in the evening, by the pastor Rev. A. M. Oviatt. Subject, "Christ's Gracious Favor to Man, Who Gave Himself For Us." 1 Titus 2:14.

Mr. and Mrs. Zaner have the sympathy of this community in their recent bereavement. Miss Isabell Zaner was called from school on Monday by the death of her sister. The funeral service was held Thursday in St. Joseph. Our high school presented a floral offering.

HOLLYWOOD.

The school will close Thursday for one weeks' vacation.

The J. W. G. club met with the Misses Vikansky Friday evening at their home. The evening passed quickly for the girls as they were all busy with their sewing.

Marshall Shearer of M. A. C. has returned home to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shearer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Myers and son Max, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Woolley and family.

A party of about twenty people from here enjoyed a delightful sleighride to Benton Harbor to attend the revival meeting at the tabernacle last Saturday evening.

The first meeting of our Epworth league will be held at the church Sunday evening at 7 p. m.

Louis Wagner is suffering with a lame back and is unable to work.

Lawrence Kretchman of Niles, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kretchman.

Miss Mabel Brown of Benton Harbor, spent the week-end with Mrs. Perley Nye.

DERBY.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Abbe left for Grand Rapids Wednesday morning.

Rudolph Rochau of Eden Springs is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents.

Miss LaVerne Smith of Watervliet, is visiting her and Mrs. Geo. Randall.

Frank Fritz who has been visiting Leo Lockwitz, returned to his home in South Bend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Surch and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Haskins at St. Joseph.

Paul Rochau visited in Scottdale Wednesday.

Misses Frances and Rose Schoenfelder attended the Christmas program given by pupils of Miss Lydia Schonfelder's school at Hinchman last Friday.

Kenneth Archer is expected home Thursday evening from Detroit where he has been working.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eggert of Wayland, Mich., has been visiting at the home of John Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fain Wagner spent Sunday with John Wagner.

Miss Mabel Schofield is spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Bonnell.

Miss Katie Grynifvitsat of Three Oaks, visited her parents over Sunday.

Simple Poison Warning.

A good way to mark bottles containing poison is to push two pins into the side of the cork at right angles to each other.

ALLIES ADVANCE IS PARIS CLAIM

Official Statement Tells of Victories Along Whole Front.

ARTILLERY PROVES EFFECTIVE

According to French Communique It Overmatches Germans at All Points —Allies in One Department Masters of First Line of Foe's Defense, Is Claim.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The afternoon's war office statement says: "In Belgium there have been intermittent artillery battles.

"From the Lys to the Oise, on the evening of December 23, we gained the fork of the roads from Loos to Rutoire and from Loos to Vermeles.

"To the northeast of Albert we took possession of a portion of the village of la Bouisselle, situated to the southwest of the church, and of an advanced trench to the south of that village.

"To the north from Roye to Ribu, near Lihons, we also have made some progress. These various attacks undertaken with great spirit have everywhere conserved the ground already gained.

"To the south of the Oise our artillery has demolished the defense works of the enemy in the region of Ballly and on the plateau of Couvron.

"On the Aisne and in Champagne there have been artillery battles and several German attacks have been repulsed. To the north of Supigneul (near Berry-au-Bac), notably a slight advance of our troops have been followed by a strong counter attack which has completely failed.

Masters of First Defense Lines.

"In the region of Perthes and Mesnil-les-Hurlus, our progress of previous days has been followed up and strengthened. To the north of Mesnil we took possession of a forest strongly prepared by the enemy, and to the east of the trenches captured by us December 23. To the northwest of Mesnil and to the east of Perthes we have driven the enemy from the fragments of trenches which they occupied, and we are now masters of all the first line of defenses.

"In the Argonne, in the forest of la Grurie, at Bagatelle, Fontaine Madame and St. Hubert, we have repulsed five attacks and strengthened our front. Between the Argonne and the Meuse in spite of the snow and the fog we have made progress on the Boureuilles-vauquois front.

Guns Subdue Enemy's Batteries.

"In the region of Ouisy and in the forest of Ferges our heavy artillery by subduing the batteries and machine guns of the enemy has enabled our infantry to make a leap in advance.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans have bombarded the south corner of the forest of Consenvoye, where we are established. In the forest of Ailly and Apremont, our artillery has forced the enemy to evacuate several trenches.

"In the lower Vosges, we have advanced to within 1,500 meters of Cirey, on the Vesouse river.

Germans Repulsed in Russia.

"In Russia, on the left bank of the Vistula the Germans have been hurled back from one of the positions which they occupied on the right bank of the lower Bzura and they have been reinforced at another point. They are continuing their attacks on Sochaczew and are trying to debouch from Bolomow. To the east of Skierlewice their night attack was repulsed with heavy losses to them. They have launched several fruitless attacks to the west of the river Rawka and are vigorously resisting the Russian offensive on the north bank of the Pilaca.

"In East Prussia and near Przemysl and on the front in the Carpathians no essential changes have been noted."

Paris Claims More Advances.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The official communique issued at 10:40 at night says:

"We have made slight progress before Nieuport toward Notre Dame de lorette. North of lens an attack by the enemy has been repulsed. This morning we carried another trench near Puisaleine and we retained the position in spite of several counter attacks. Last night the enemy made vigorous but vain attacks on the Tete de Faux in the Vosges."

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FOR KERN

Indiana Senator's Son Cured of Infantile Paralysis.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Senator John W. Kern of Indiana is rejoicing over a valued Christmas gift to his family in the recovery from infantile paralysis of his fourteen-year-old son and namesake, who has been afflicted for six years.

Six weeks ago new tissues were grafted on the shrunken leg by Dr. William S. Baer of Johns Hopkins. The entire success of the operation has been disclosed.

Mrs. Bumpweather Explains.

"I have observed," says Mrs. Bumpweather, "that when I am extra kind to people they think I am easy-going and take advantage of me. But I can well afford to laugh, because it is perfectly true."

WILL CLAIM ESTATE

Duchess of Manchester on Way to Zimmerman Funeral.

Photo by American Press Association.

GERMANS REPULSED, PETROGRAD CLAIMS

Czar's Invasion Is Checked in Southern East Prussia.

London, Dec. 26.—Despatches received from Petrograd indicate that the Russians are repulsing the Germans west of Warsaw while developing new offensive operations in Galicia and East Prussia. It is now apparent that the issue of the sanguinary battles along the Bzura and Ravka rivers, on a line from thirty to fifty miles west of Warsaw, must be determined within a few days. Either the armies of Marshal von Hindenburg must break the Russian center or be subjected to the peril of attacks from the north and south.

The Russian invasion of southern East Prussia, which movement was designed to forward the invasion from Wirballen toward Insterburg, seems to have been checked, and the Russians in that area appear to have been forced back to the region of Mlawa on the Polish frontier. The Russians hold the north bank of the lower Vistula from Plock to Mlawa and are able to prevent any flanking movement by the Germans in the north, as well as preventing the Germans from using the Vistula as a line of communication with the army before Warsaw. Both Germans and Russians are calling up fresh troops.

In the south, in southwest Poland and in western Galicia, the news points to Russian success. Evidently, from Berlin and Vienna reports, as well as the news from Petrograd, the initiative lies with the Russians, and the Austrian offensive has been checked. Along the rivers Pilitza and Nide in southern Poland and along the Dunajec in Galicia, the Russians have defeated the Austro-German forces and are still within easy marching distance of Cracow.

ROBBERS GET OVER $40,000

Fred E. Hobart of Denver, Loses Stocks and Other Valuables.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Fred E. Hobart of Denver, secretary of the Little Jumbo Mining company of Nevada City, Cal., reported to the police he had been held up and robbed of stock in his company, which he claims is worth $40,000, $150 in gold and a watch, by two well dressed men.

Full Time in Shops.

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 26.—Notices have been posted in the Vandalia shops here to the effect that working hours in all departments will be increased from forty to fifty hours a week as a Christmas present to the men.

Francis Joseph in Good Health.

London, Dec. 26.—A correspondent at Vienna telegraphing by way of Amsterdam, says that Emperor Francis Joseph is in excellent health and that he is spending Christmas with his family at Schoenbrunn castle.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS.

Observations at the weather bureau, New York, taken at 8 p. m., as follows:

	Temp.	Weather.
Washington	18	Cloudy
New York	15	Cloudy
Boston	12	Cloudy
Buffalo	8	Snow
Chicago	4	Clear
St. Louis	12	Clear
New Orleans	58	Cloudy

Weather for Tomorrow.

Illinois, Indiana, lower Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa—Fair; continued cold.

Fine Fishin'.

Small Boy—Good fishin'? Yessir; yo go down that private road till ye come to th' sign "Trespassers will be prosecuted;" cross th' field with th' bull in it an' you'll see a sign "No fishin' allowed,"—that's it.—Life.

OUR CHURCHES

First M. E. Church.
Corner Main and Broad streets.
Rev. J. W. Sheehan, pastor.
10:30—Morning service, subject, "The Meaning of Church Membership."
12:00—Sunday school.
6:00—Epworth League.
7:00—Gospel service.

First Evangelical Church.
Corner Elm and Main streets.
Rev. W. H. Camfield, pastor.
10:00—Morning service. Sermon by Rev. W. H. Moyer of Benton Harbor.
11:15—Men's Bible class in Library hall.
11:15—Sunday school.
6:00—Young People's Alliance.
7:00—Sermon by Rev. Moyer.

Roman Catholic Church.
Corner Ship and Church streets.
Rev. M. G. Esper, 211 Church street.
Masses at 8 and 10.
Service at 3 p. m.

St. Paul's Memorial Church.
Main street near Niles avenue.
Rev. F. O. Granniss, rector.
Holy Communion first Sunday in the month at 10:30. Other Sundays at 8.
8:00—Holy Communion.
10:30—Morning prayer and sermon.
12:00—Sunday school.
4:30—Evensong. Song service.

Congregational Church.
Corner Main and Market streets.
Rev. John F. Bushnell, pastor.
10:30—Morning service. Sermon on the passing of the old year.
12:00—Sunday school.
6:00—Sunday Evening club.
7:00—Gospel song service with evangelistic address.

First German Baptist Church.
Corner Broad and Church streets
Rev. G. E. Lohr, pastor.
10:30—Morning service, subject, "Holding Fast."
12:00—Sunday school.
7:30—Evening service and sermon by the pastor.

St. Peter's German Evangelical Church.
Corner Church and Pearl streets.
Rev. F. W. Buehler, pastor.
9:00—Sunday school.
10:30—Morning service.
No evening service.
Young People's Society second and fourth Sunday in the month at 3:30 p. m.

German Lutheran Church.
Corner Pearl and Court streets.
Rev. L. Nuechterlein, pastor.
10:30—Morning service.

Swedish Lutheran Church.
10:00—Sunday school.
11:00—Morning service.
7:30—Evening service.

A. M. E. Church.
512 Church street.
Rev. J. E. Jones, pastor.
Preaching at 10:45 a. m.
Class meeting, 11:30 a. m.
Sunday school, 12 m.
Musical program by choir at First Methodist church.
Everybody made welcome.

Church of God.
Corner of Church and Port streets
Rev. David Koroch, pastor.
All but the evening service in German.
9:30—Sunday school.
10:45—Morning service.
2:30—Afternoon service.
7:00—Evening service (in English.)

Rescue Mission.
614 Ship street.
Gust Frederickson, superintendent
3:00—Sunday school.
7:30—Evening service daily, including Sunday.

Christian Science.
First Church of Christ, Scientist church edifice, Pleasant street, Benton Harbor.
Ora K. Barden, First Reader.
10:45—Sunday morning service.
12:00—Sunday school.
Wednesday evening service at 8.
Reading rooms, church edifice.

STOCKHOLDERS' NOTICE.

To Stockholders of the Commercial National Bank:

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial National bank of St. Joseph, Berrien county, Michigan, will be held at the office of said bank, Tuesday, January 12, 1915, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

H. T. CAMPBELL,
Cashier.

E. A. BLAKESLEE,
President.

12-12-1mo

TAX NOTICE.

I will be at Young's store in Fair Plain, on Fridays, except holiday week, when I will be there Thursday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, and at the Union bank on Saturdays of each week until January 10, to collect St. Joseph township taxes.

N. N. M'LIN,
11-30-6w Township Treasurer.

The Daily Press, 10 cents a week, delivered.

Peck's

Announcement

The big furniture auction of the Peck Furniture Company will continue today, (Saturday) and all next week, closing Saturday evening, January 2nd.

This has been the greatest sale in home furnishings in the history of Berrien county. It has broken all the records in volume and price. This big four story building has been filled daily with buyers from every section.

This has not only been a quantity sale but a quality sale—having brought down the price of highest grade furniture made, within the reach of all.

The values that have already been secured will probably pale into insignificence compared to those that will go out next week. Don't miss the closing days of this big event. It will be a historic value giving event that will never be duplicated.

TODAY and next week, we will offer a fine selection of Korpin guaranteed upholstered suites and rockers, pianos, davenports and an assortment entirely different than has been shown.

It's the sale of the hour.

PECK FURNITURE CO.

Benton Harbor

Gore & Harvey

Attorneys in charge

..PEOPLE'S POPULAR WANTS..

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY—The successful and energetic person never fails to read these columns or place his wants where others can see them. Desired results have been received by others; why may you not receive the same? A trial in the DAILY PRESS Liner Columns will assure you of its wide circulation and quick results. Everybody has their WANTS. Cheap but effective.

25 CENTS

Wanted, To Rent, For Sale, Lost, Found, To Loan, etc., liner ads., if only 3 lines or less, will be inserted

A WHOLE WEEK FOR 25 CENTS

Over 3 lines, 5c per line per week.

FOR SALE.

OR SALE—50 bushels corn. Will deliver at 75c per bushel. Chas. ugel, R. 2, St. Joseph. 12-21-2t

OR SALE—Hard coal base burner, gas lamp and stove; 1457 Napier venue. 12-21-6t

OR SALE—15 to 20 acres fine land near Galien. Address Box '131, Galien, Mich. 12-22-6t

FOR SALE—Baled hay. Murphy & McCracken livery, Main street. Telephone 17. 11-4tf

FOR SALE OR LEASE—Pool room; lunch counter in connection. Cheap on account of other business. Call 307 State street. 12-21-6t

FOR SALE—Hard maple wood, $3 per cord, delivered; satisfaction guaranteed. Telephone 742 F-5, Benton Harbor. 12-23-12t

OR SALE—Spiced pumpkin for your Christmas pies; dried down, ch in spice and sugar. Call phone 9. Mrs. Amadon. Will deliver. 12-21-6t

OR SALE—Nine head of horses; baled alfalfa, hay, straw. Barn ar of city hall. Dr. E. R. Rodgers. elephone 69 1-r or 69 2-r. 12-23-6t

OR SALE OR TRADE—12½ acres, one-half mile south of hostal on Pipestone street, Benton arbor. A No. 1 buildings. Easy ms. Wallace Land Co. 12-9-tf

R SALE—95 acres land one and quarter miles from Baroda. Al- 56 acres of land one and half es from Hitnchman. For particrs apply or write H. A. Feather, F. D. No. 2, Berrien Springs, ch. 12-21-1mo

OR SALE—Hay, straw, horses registered Holstein A. R. O. bull lf. Registered Berkshire pigs all es; 80 acre improved farm with lding. Also for sale or exchange hite Wyandotte cockerels. George Pardee, New Troy. Telephone 7, J-1. 12-16-4weeks

R SALE—New and second hand goods. Bed springs, mattress, abins, chairs, rockers, gas stoves and plates, oil and gasoline stoves, heating and cook stoves, dressers, commodes, refrigerators, dish cupboards, hall trees, 25-yard rag carpet, baby crib, and almost anything you want. Frank Fowler, corner Main and Pleasant streets.

FOR RENT.

OR RENT—5-room house, gas lights and stove. Big cellar; 912 lm street, St. Joseph. 12-21-6t

OR RENT—Modern 9-room house with furnace, near business district. J. A. Freitag, 316 State reet. 10-28-tf

R RENT—Modern seven room house at 1404 Lake View avenue. quire of Logan Drake, 1402 Lake w avenue, or telephone 257. 12-7-tf

R RENT—House on Pine street, $7 per month. Wallace Land Co. 11-21-tf

LOST AND FOUND

ST—Saturday. Waterman fountain pen, on desk in postoffice ward. Telephone 619 F-3. 12-19-6t

OST—Small flat key in business district. Finder please return to ally Press office. 12-24-6t

OST—15 pound turkey. Return Dr. Rodgers, 615 Elm street. Reard. 12-24-6t

MISCELLANEOUS.

AXIDERMY—Done to order. All specimens mounted true to nae by William Dwight, 712 River reet, St. Joseph. 12-21-6t

OR EXCHANGE—Fine 12-room sidence in city of Ypsilanti; furace, bath, gas and other improvements. Want 6-room cottage and other rentable property of equal value. Good chance to locate and educate large family. If interested write for photo, plan and other particulars. S. R. Hughes, 25 South Prospect avenue, Ypsilanti, Mich. 12-21-6t

By my suction method I will make any plate stick in the mouth no matter what shape or condition the mouth is in. I guarantee to extract teeth without pain or no charge.

Best Teeth, none better made, $5
22 k. Gold Crowns . . $4

Frank Deitch, Dentist
Over Church's Dry Goods Store
Phones: Office 126-j, Residence 126-L.
St. Joseph, Michigan.

GENERAL TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the general tax rolls for the several wards of the city of St. Joseph, for the year 1914, have been delivered to me, and the taxes therein levied can be paid at the Gast Drug Co., 311 State street, commencing Dec. 1, 1914, and any time before Jan. 10, 1915, without any extra charge for collection. Four per cent for collection fees will be charged and collected upon all taxes remaining unpaid on and after said 10th day of January, 1915.

Office hours, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Open Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Dated St. Joseph, Mich., Dec. 1, 1914.

ALBERT C. TILLY,
12-5-tf. City Treasurer.

YOUR COLD IS DANGEROUS—BREAK IT UP—NOW.

A cold is readily catching. A rundown system is susceptible to germs. You owe it to yourself and to others of your household to fight the germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is fine for colds and coughs. It loosens the mucous, stops the cough and soothes the lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your druggist.—Advertisement.

LODGE NOTICES

NEW ORIENT LODGE, Knights o Pythias, meets every Friday o each week at 8 p. m. Visiting mem bers are always welcome.

H. H. SCHMIDTKE,
C. C

FRED GAST,
K. of R. and S.

TRIBE OF BEN HUR, St. Joseph Court, No. —. Meets in Maccabee hall, the third Thursday in each month.

A. REICH,
Chief

MARY E. GRANGE,
Scribe.

AMERICA CHAPTER, No. 224, O der of the Eastern Star, meets i the Masonic temple the first Monda evening of each month at 7:3 o'clock. Visitors always welcome.

MRS. MAUDE JOHNSON,
W. M

MISS JEAN RISTO,
Secretary.

CALVIN BRITAIN CHAPTER, No 72, R. A. M. Regular convocations Wednesday, on or before full moon. Visiting companions made welcome.

C. R. NANNFELDT,
H. P.

H. A. THOMAS,
Secretary.

BURNETT LODGE, No. 119, I. O O. F. meets every Thursday night in the Freund block, at 8 p. m. Visitors welcome.

HENRY E. LICK,
N. G

JOHN ROHL,

SOUTHERN MICH. RAILWAY CO.

TIME CARD

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 20, 1914
TRAINS LEAVING ST. JOSEPH.
SOUTHBOUND.
6:30 A. M.
8:30 A. M.
10:30 A. M.
12:30 P. M.
2:30 P. M.
4:30 P. M.
6:30 P. M.
9:00 P. M.
11:30 P. M.

CLAY FRANTZ,
G. P. & F. A.
South Bend. Ind.

KALAMAZOO LAKE SHORE & CHICAGO RAILWAY.

THE FRUIT BELT LINE.
Time table taking effect Sept. 6 1911.

HARTFORD.
Westbound.
A—9:23 a. m. D—9:35 a. m.
A—4:47 p. m. D—4:52 p. m.
Eastbound.
D—9:38 a. m. A—9:15 a. m.
D—3:00 p. m. A—1:35 p. m.

S. H. VIVIAN, Traffic Manager.
H. D. SWAYZE, General Superintendent, Kalamazoo, Mich.
OFFICES: Kalamazoo, Mich.

FLORIST

GUS FREDERICKSON'S FLOWER STORE. The most beautiful FLOWERS AND PLANTS OF EVERY KIND; 517 PLEASANT STREET.

KNAAK DRUG CO.
OPTICIANS
Century Bldg., St. Joe

The Markets

These quotations are corrected daily. Farmers are requested while in the city to notify the Daily Press of prices secured for stock or provisions, that even better quotations may be given. This co-operation must prove beneficial to the farmers.

Rye	.90
Corn	.65
Oats	.50
Wheat	.$1.15
Hay	.$14

Meats, Poultry and Hides.

Beef	6 to 12
Mutton, dressed	.9 to 11
Lamb, dressed	.12 to 18
Hogs, dressed	.08
Veal	.09
Hens	.09
Spring chicken	.09
Turkeys	.18
Ducks and geese	.12 to 13
Tallow, per pound	2½
Potatoes	.40
Butter	.28
Eggs	.30

Chicago Live Stock.

Hogs—Receipts 38,000. Quotations ranged at $7.00@7.05 light shippers, $6.95@7.05 heavy packing and $6.50@7.00 good to fancy pigs.

Cattle—Receipts 3,000. Quotations steers, $5.85@6.40 good to choice beef cows, $5.85@7.65 god to choice fed heifers, $9.00@9.50 good to choice fed heifers, $8.00@8.50 good to choice veal calves.

Sheep—Receipts 10,000. Quotations ranged at $8.25@8.75 good to prime native lambs, $5.85@6.65 good to choice wethers, and $5.50@5.90 good to choice handy ewes.

Live Poultry.

Fowls, 10c; springs, 10½c; roosters, 9c; turkeys, 15c; ducks, 11@13c.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

Dunning and Stevens, live stock commission merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts 5 cars; market steady. Hogs—100 cars; market slow; heavy, $7.05; Yorkers, $7.00@7.15; pigs, $7.40@7.50. Sheep—Receipts 10 cars; market strong; top lambs, $8.25@8.50; yearlings, $6.00@7.00; wethers, $5.25@5.75; ewes, $4.50@5.25. Calves, $5.00@10.000.

Feminine Resourcefulness.

Women have all the best of it. Even if her ears stand out naturally at an angle of 45 degrees, she can comb her hair down over them and then reenforce the arrangement with a hat.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

PLEASE NOTICE.

The city ordinance requires that your sidewalk be kept free from snow. A time limit of 24 hours is fixed by the regulations in which property owners and tenants must perform this duty. Notification is hereby given that the ordinance will be strictly and impartially enforced this winter. Kindly co-operate with the street department in this work.

Your attention is also called to the provision of the city ordinance forbidding the dumping of ashes and other refuse in the streets and alleys. Such practice cannot be tolerated.

NORMAN SLATER,
Street Commissioner.
12-22-6t

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Joseph-Chicago Steamship company will be held at the office of the company at the E. A. Graham docks in the city of St. Joseph, on the 29th day of December, 1914 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing the directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

WALTER C. STEELE,
Secretary.
WILLIAM H. HULL,
Vice President.
12-16-10t

NOTICE OF HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.

In the Matter of the Estate of Lewis Scofield, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the 10th day of December, A. D. 1914, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the city of St. Joseph, in said county, on or before the 10th day of April, A. D. 1915, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Saturday the 10th day of April, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 10th, A. D. 1914.

(Seal) ROLLAND E. BARR,
12-12-3w Judge of Probate.

LEGAL NOTICES

SALE OR MORTGAGE OF REAL ESTATE.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the city of St. Joseph, in said County, on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1914.

Present: Hon. Rolland E. Barr, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Victor Thomas, deceased, Albert Ankil having filed in said court his petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described,

It is Ordered, That the 4th day of January, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the St. Joseph Daily Press (Saturday edition) a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

(Seal) ROLLAND E. BARR,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
CLAUDE A. BAKER,
Register of Probate. ((
12-12-3wks

ACCOUNT.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the city of St. Joseph, in said county, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1914.

Present: Hon. Rolland E. Barr, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Matilda Carey, incompetent, James Morrow having filed in said court his final account as guardian of said estate, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof;

It is Ordered, That Monday, the 11th day of January, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account;

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previously to said day of hearing, in the St. Joseph Daily Press (Saturday edition) a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

(Seal) ROLLAND E. BARR,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
CLAUDE A. BAKER,
Register of Probate.
12-19-3w

NOTICE OF HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles L. Lemon, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the 14th day of December, A. D. 1914, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the city of St. Joseph, in said county, on or before the 14th day of April, A. D. 1915, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Wednesday the 14th day of April, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated, December 14, A. D. 1914.

(Seal) ROLLAND E. BARR,
Judge of Probate.
12-19-3w

(First Insertion December 26, '14.)

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Louise Godefrin, now Lavin, to Fred A. Clark, dated the 16th day of February, A. D. 1906, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Berrien and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of February, A. D. 1906, in Liber 99 of Mortgages, on page 454, and assigned by Fred A. Clark to T. L. Wilkinson, August 3, 1909, assignment recorded November 25, 1910, in Liber 2 of assignments of mortgages, page 236, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of sixteen hundred sixty-eight dollars, and an Attorney's fee of thirty-five dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof,

Notice is Hereby Given, That, By virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Monday the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the front door of the courthouse in the City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan, sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fees, to-wit:

The Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of section Eight, and the North one-fourth of the Northwest quarter of the said Northwest quarter of section Eight, in Town Seven, south of Range Nineteen West, fifty acres mor or less, lying together in one parcel of land, in Weesaw township, Berrien County, Michigan.

T. L. WILKINSON,
Mortgagee.
ROLLAND E. BARR,
Attorney.
(Last Insertion March 13, 1915.)

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Martin J. Webb to Warren Weed, 2 acres in n e ¼ of sec. 33 in Royalton twp., $1,500.

Edward Greiger and wife to Marie Waindli, lot 11, blk. 21 in village of New Buffalo, $1,500.

Emil Guhl and wife to Henry Siebenmark, part of blk. 213 in Virginia Co. add. to New Buffalo, $400.

Lewis E. Akright and wife to Frank J. Ruff, part of s e ¼ of sec. 10, in Sodus' twp., $3,000.

Fred A. Smith and wife to Henry C. Comstock and wife, lot 12 in blk. B, of Lewis add. to vill. of Watervliet, $1,000.

William H. Hill and wife to Eugene W. Blocki, lot 13 of Urbandale acres in Benton twp., $1.

George F. Sonner to Elden C. Harner, lot 24, blk. B, Beckwith add. to Benton Harbor, $1.

Martin Runge and wife to Frank B. Runge and wife, n w ¼ of n w ¼ of sec. 13, in Lincoln twp., 40 acres, $1.

Mary M. Power to Horace G. Power, lot 70 in Woodward's First add. to Niles, $75.

James O'Connell and wife to Wendel P. Robbins, property on Jefferson Court, Benton Harbor, $1.

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John A. Freitag and wife to Max P. Ludwig and wife, lot 7 in Downtown add. to St. Joseph, $1.

Charles V. Morrill and wife to Mamie O. Wright, 9 acres in n e ¼ of sec. 27, in Benton twp., $750.

John H. Langley et al to Frederika Hilbourn, lot 35 in J. H. Langley's 2nd add. to St. Joseph, $250.

Frank L. Hammond and wife to Mary Benjamin, lot 2, blk. B, Union add. to Benton Harbor, $1.

Isabella Calverly to John H. Riddle and wife, part of n w ¼ of sec. 35 in city of Niles, $1.

George W. Campbell and wife to Daniel F. Hartsell and wife, part of s e ¼ of sec. 19 in City of Benton Harbor, $1.

Henry C. Keinzle and wife to Jennie Crooks, 10 acres in n e ¼ of sec. 20 in city of Benton Harbor, $10.

Walter Carlson, et al. to Gustav Belmer and wife, 17.90 acres in s w cor. sec. 4, in Lake twp., $2,000.

PROBATE OF WILL.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the city of St. Joseph, in said County, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1914.

Present: Hon. Rolland E. Barr, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Edward Wehrle, deceased, Henry Kasischke having filed his petition, praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased and that administration of said estate be granted to Henry Kasischke or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 18th day of January, A. D. 1915, at ten a. m., at said Probate Office is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That Public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the St. Joseph Daily Press (Saturday edition) a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

(Seal) ROLLAND E. BARR,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
CLAUDE A. BAKER,
Register of Probate.
12-26-3wks

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Benton Harbor-St. Joe Railway & Light company. Sunday schedule for city cars effective on and after Sunday, December 27.

First car out of Fair Plain 6:00 a. m. Second car out of Fair Plain 6:45 a. m. and every 15 minutes.

First car out of South St. Joseph 6:07 a. m. Second car out of South St. Joseph 6:52 a. m. and every 7½ minutes.

First car out of House of David 5:58 a. m. Second car out of House of David 6:58 a. m. and every 15 minutes.

First car out of hospital 6:58 a. m. Regular 15-minute service thereafter.

First car out of Empire and McAllister, 7:10 a. m. Regular 20-minute service thereafter.

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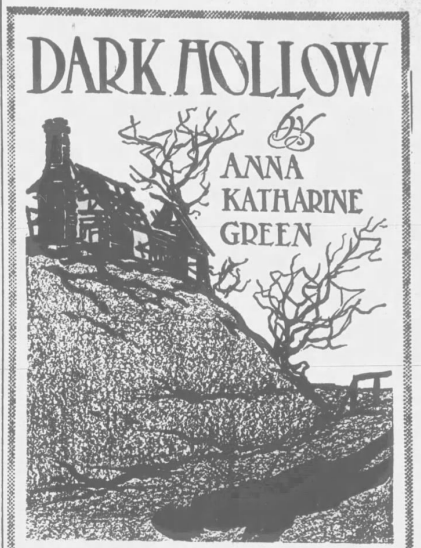

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Monday—Travesty War Is Peculiar

Benton Harbor News

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mason have gone to Maywood, Ill., to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Alice Benjamin is spending the week-end in Chicago, visiting.

Mrs. C. E. Davis is in Detroit for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Huson of Watervliet are spending the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Shaver spent Christmas in Bangor with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Keeler spent the holiday in Fennville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brayman and Paul, are in Grand Rapid: visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Atwood and children.

Mrs. Charles Atwood and baby of Chicago, are here visiting Mrs. W. H. Atwood of Summit street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norrington have gone to Grand Rapids to visit their son, W. O. Norrington.

Mrs. Everitt Leighton came from Chicago Thursday afternoon to spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black of Jefferson Court.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wright and children have gone to Hartford to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. August Kettlehut spent the Christmas holiday in South Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baylis and children and Miss Essie Dixon spent the holiday in Bangor visiting.

J. P. Schaffert and daughter of Chicago, are here over the week-end.

Mrs. B. Westphal has gone to Grand Rapids for a few days' visit.

Miss Linnie Drake, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Drake, has returned to her home in Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Boehler of Grand Rapids, after visiting locally, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Henry Garrett of the Paw Paw road, is visiting in Chicago and Oak Park, Ill.

Miss Edith Foster has gone to South Haven for a visit.

Misses Rea Roberts of Decatur, Hazel Mitchell of Eau Claire, and Charles Slocum of Lawrence, Lester Mitchell and Harley Bass of Decatur attended the cooks ' and chefs' ball here Wednesday night.

Mrs. May Larkins and son Kenneth have gone to Aurora for the holidays.

Will Cullinine is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bernon of Britain avenue, are in Chicago visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. W. Spade has gone to Grand Rapids to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Lyons is in Hartford for a few days' vacation.

Mrs. O. W. Dean is spending a few days visiting in Holland.

Mrs. Bishop is with her daughter, Mrs. Sternaman in Allegan for a few days.

Miss Marie Mowrer of Goshen, is visiting in this city and Bangor over the holidays.

Miss Irene Colburn has gone to her home in Bangor for the holidays.

Mrs. A. B. Woodruff has gone to Chicago to spend the holidays.

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Remember Tomorrow Night

ITALY OCCUPIES CITY OF AVLONA

It Is Believed Act May Lead to War with Austria.

MOSLEM ACTIVITY IS PRETEXT

It Is Charged That Rebels Were Massacreing Adherents of Essad Pasha, Italy's Friend—Austrian Jealousy Is Said to Be Back of Trouble.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Italy has taken steps in Albania which can hardly fail to infuriate Austria and lead to Italy's intervention in the war.

For the protection of Italian interests, marine were landed at Avlona, directly across the Adriatic from Otrento, and took possession of the city. There was no fighting. For the present, and possibly, for all time, Avlona is as much an Italian city as Naples.

Moslem Activity is Pretext.

The pretext for the step was the activity of Moslem rebels who, instigated by Austria, were massacreing the adherents of Italy's friend, Essad Pasha, and were looting just outside the walls of Avlona. An official dispatch sent from the Italian warship Misurata, at Durrazzo, says that the Albanian rebels at Tirana are threatening to move against the government of Essad Pasha. Essad, who was elected as provisional president by the Albanian senate, has left for Kroja where he will organize a campaign against the rebels. A rebel force is concentrating at Dibra, 40 miles further into the interior from Kroja. Essad plans to march against the rebels with a strong force of trained troops and to crush them at a blow.

Austrian Jealousy Back of It.

There is no longer doubt that the revolutionary movement in Albania is spreading rapidly and that Austrian jealousy of Italy is back of the revolt. It is known here that Austria is arming the rebels and supplying them with funds in the hope that Italy will be prevented from gaining actual control of Albania, and that the situation will be kept uncertain until the end of the war, enabling Austria to turn her full attention to her troublesome Adriatic province.

It is now very evident that exactly the contrary has happened, and that Austria's diplomacy and characteristic double dealing has given to Italy a very real excuse for seising Avlona and gaining a foothold in Albania.

It is very well understood here that the landing of troops in Albania will mean active participation by Italy in the general war. It is stated that Austrian will never tolerate the step. Without question the government of Austria will within a few days, demand from Italy an explanation of the reasons why marines were sent ashore from the warship Misurata, and will, very likely, insist that the marines be withdrawn and that the Italian flag be lowered.

Germany May Prevent Rupture.

It is impossible for Italy to comply with such requests. The temper of the people is such that there would be an explosion if the government made a weak reply. Moreover, reasons of the most practical nature demand that Italy hold Avlona until the disorder and turmoil in Albania abate. Denied full satisfaction Austria, it is believed here, will either declare war or formulate such phrases as will be insulting to Italian pride and which will require Italy to take the initiative. Just one factor stands between Italy and war. That is Germany's fervent wish to keep Italy out of the strife. It is possible that Germany will bring tremendous influence to bear on Austria, either to prevent aggressive demands or to accept Italy's peaceful and "tempory occupation of Avlona.

TURKS ATTACK U. S. STEAMER

London Despatch Says American Government Has Protested.

London, Dec. 26.—A despatch from Athens says: "A United States warship requisitioned an American steamer lying in the port of Tripoli, Syria, to convey the consuls and subjects of Great Britain and France from the port. As a party of Frenchmen were boarding the steamer, the populace attacked the ship to prevent their embarkation, and the captain and chief officers of the vessel were wounded. The warship thereupon threatened to bombard the town, and Mussulmans retired. The ship then was escorted to Dede Agratch by the warship, which proceed to Smyrna.

"The United States government has entered a protest at Constantinople against the attack on the American merchantmen."

Wheat Stock Seized.

Syndney, N. S. W., Dec. 26.—The government has seized the entire stock of wheat of New South Wales, excepting the amount needed for seed supplies for the farmers. This action is aimed at speculators who, taking advantage of war conditions, have been seeking to inflate prices. The government has fixed a price for the wheat of five shillings ($1.20)

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The other number, LaVette and Russell, are two young men who do "Bits of Everything," and rather than spoil the act by telling about it we will wait for you to see it tonight.

The feature photoplay today will be "The Mysterious Rose," with the clever and talented Grace Sunard and Francis Ford in the lead. It is a two-part detective drama and hold the attention from the first flash to the final close.

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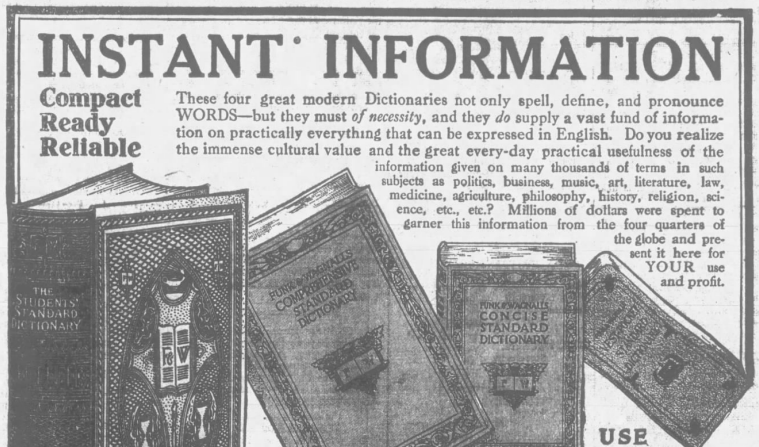

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To Build New Home—Norman Slater has broken ground for a brick cottage on Wayne street, between Elm and Broad streets.

Check For $1,000—Gus H. Gast, acting finance keeper of the K. O. T. M. M., has turned over a check for $1,000 to Mrs. Addie Lingle of this city. The amount represents the insurance on the life of her husband, Isaac Lingle, whose death occurred at his home south of this city.

Socialists Meet Tomorrow—Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock a socialist meeting will be held at the Swastika theater in Benton Harbor. The meeting is open to the public and one of the most interesting features will be a general discussion.

Mrs. Katherine Sorge Dies in East—Word was received yesterday of the death of Mrs. Katherine Sorge, mother of Adolph Sorge of Langley avenue, at her home in Hoboken, N. J. Mr. Sorge was called east last Saturday by the seriousness of her condition and was with her when the end came. Mrs. Sorge was 78 years of age.

Begin Steel Work on Bridge—On Tuesday the steel work on the Hickory Creek bridge will be begun and the traffic will again be blocked for several days. The company has been ready to begin work on the steel structure, but because of the great inconvenience to the rural residents during the Christmas trading season postponed it until next week. It is thought the Niles road will be blocked at that point for only the remainder of the week.

BUMP ON NOSE PROVES FATAL

Lockjaw Sets In After Member Is Slightly Cut in Fall.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Andrew Bauder, of Galesburg, a few days ago fell on the cellar stairs in her home and bumped her nose, slightly cutting it.

This week she died in a hospital here from lockjaw.

Will Claim Zimmerman Estate.

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—It is said the Duchess of Manchester, formerly Helen Zimmerman, who is on her way here to attend the funeral of her father, Eugene Zimmerman, will claim his entire vast estate.

Jack London's Brother Dies.

Muscatine, Ia., Dec. 26.—Tom London, a recluse of Muscatine, is dead. The hermit was a brother of Jack London, the novelist and traveler. His death followed a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Pinkley's Grievance.

"I wouldn't o' had no trouble wif de constable ner nobody," said Mr. Erastus Pinkley, "if it hadn't been for woman's love o' dress." "What has dress got to do with it?" asked the jailer. "My women folks warn't satisfied to eat de mos' of de chicken. Dey had to put de feathers in deir hats an' parade 'em as circumstantial evidence."—Washington Star.

Land of Ideas.

In Russia, in the literary, artistic and musical world, there is a perfect ferment of new ideas and new methods of expression. More than that, in modern Russian literature, there breathes a spirit of kindliness which is entirely wanting, not only in French and German contemporary literature, but in our own.—R. B. Cunninghame Graham.

MUCH WORK FOR SENATE ON HAND

Only 56 of Legislative Days of Session Are Left.

HOLIDAY QUORUM MAY FAIL

Administration Has Lengthy Program For Upper Chamber—Immigration Bill Most Important Measure Before Body—Philippine Bill May Go Over President's Hold Relaxes.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The senate will have 56 legislative days ahead of it when the present session reconvenes Tuesday next.

This is predicated upon the theory that a quorum will be present Tuesday, which is doubtful, for many senators resented the plan of cutting short the usual holiday recess so that it would not include New Years and left town intending to remain away until after the first.

It may, therefore, turn out that a quorum of the senate will not be present when the senate reconvenes Tuesday and if any senator is disposed to object under such circumstances he may cause a lot of trouble.

There are many predictions that the senate, judging from the way it has started out, will not be able to complete the business in hand before the fourth of March when the session comes to an end automatically.

Much Work Ahead.

There is a large amount of work ahead. The immigration bill is the matter immediately in hand and there has been so much opposition to it that the prospect for an early vote on the measure is not bright. Senator Smith, of South Carolina, who has charge of the bill on the floor of the senate, believes a vote will be had on the passage of the bill before January 1, but that view is not shared by senators generally. Senator Kern, leader of the majority, said that he believed the bill would pass but only after modification of the literacy test to exclude persons fleeing from political persecution.

The senate has not yet taken up any of the general appropriation bills. The house has passed three of them which is unusual speed for that body but none of them has yet been reported from the senate committee.

Administrative Program Big.

The legislative program of the administration as it is understood, includes the following:

Conservation bills, ship purchase bill and Philippine bill.

Two treaties have the administration sanction and will undoubtedly be pressed by the administration leaders in the senate—the Nicaraguan and Colombian treaties. The Colombian treaty cannot pass in the opinion of the leaders of the senate and the Nicaraguan treaty probably will not be ratified.

It is the opinion of senators generally that if the president insists upon his legislative program he will make an extra session of congress necessary for they do not believe the general supply bills can pass and the important measures the president has in mind also. There will be a lot of debate on the three administration measures — especially upon conservation and the Philippines.

President's Influence Less.

The president will have less personal influence on the senate at this session in getting his measures through than heretofore because of the tug of war that is now on over nominations between the president and some of his party followers in the senate.

Church Notes

Congregational Choir Rehearses—The choir of the First Congregational church will meet this evening this evening at 7:30 for rehearsal.

Last Sunday in Old Year—Tomorrow is the last Sunday in 1914 and the sermons of many of the clergymen of the city will be appropriate for the passing of the old year.

Hold Annual Election of Church Officers—On New Year's day at 2 o'clock the annual election of officers and trustees of the First Evangelical church will take place. The annual meeting of the church will be held at that time.

Mr. Heartt Speaks at Y. W. C. A.—Vesper services at the Y. W. C. at 4 o'clock. Mr. W. A. Heartt will speak. At the social hour which follows, Mrs. Wallace Martin, assisted by Mrs. C. A. White, will act as hostess. A cordial invitation to the women and girls of the city is extended.

Resume 9 O'clock S. S. Hour—During the preparation of the Christmas music the Sunday school of St. Peter's Evangelical church has been meeting in the afternoons at 2 o'clock. Tomorrow the former hour of meeting, 9 o'clock, will be resumed.

Benton Harbor Clergyman Occupies Pulpit—Tomorrow in the absence of Rev. W. H. Camfield, who with Mrs. Camfield and their daughter, Mrs. Clarence Harrington, are in Jackson to spend a few days, Rev. W. H. Moyer of Benton Harbor will occupy the pulpit of the First Evangelical church in this city, both morning and evening.

Hold Song Service at 4:30—Tomorrow the evensong at St. Paul's church will be held in the afternoon at 4:30 and the evening service will be omitted. So satisfactory is the change of the hour of service that if the greater part of the parish so desire it the hour may be changed permanently.

Today is Saint Stephen's Day—In Lutheran, Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches today special services are being held. It is Saint Stephen's day and at St. Paul's church Holy Communion was celebrated at 9 o'clock. The day is spoken of as the "second Christmas" in the Lutheran churches, and Rev. Henry Hasse of Benton Harbor, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Louis Nuechterlein this morning when services were held at 10 o'clock.

Receive Good Sum For Concert—The sacred concert given last Sunday evening by the choir of the African Methodist church at the First Methodist church, was a splendid success, and the free will offering brought to the struggling little church the sum of $24.32. The solos of Miss Florence White, the blind singer of the Southland Nightingales were most appealing, and the program was good throughout. The pastor of the A. M. E. church expresses his gratitude to the members of the First M. E. church for the use of their church and their generous offering.

Affected the Hair.

The fair creature's head looked like a haystack. Each separate hair stood out. "What's the matter, dear? Your hair is standing on end." I put it up in curl papers last night, and the newspaper I used was filled with horrible crimes."

A Real Peach.

Our idea of a peach is the wife of a man who thinks she is prettier than the cashier at his favorite restaurant.—Galveston News.

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Boys' $6.50 Suits and Overcoats December Sale $4.90

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Boys' $2.50 Suits and Overcoats December Sale $1.65

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Men's and Boys' Mackinaws at the lowest prices $3.45-$8.85

One special lot of Boys' Sweaters, $1.50 to $2 values. December Sale 89c

Men's 10c Japonette Hdkfs. with silk initial, during this December Sale 5c

Men's Bath and Lounging Robes from $3.45 to $6.45.

Ladies' Silk Hose 2 pair in a box $1.50

Women Workers Put $20 a Year In 'Beauty Dope'

LANSING, December 26.—Many women wage-earners in Michigan spend from $15 to $20 annually for face powder and complexion "dope," according to the information gathered by the state commission investigating the wages and conditions of labor for women. Most of these who spend this amount are clerks in stores.

The commission, which has been at work for nearly two years, is preparing an exhaustive report, which will probably be completed about February 1. Eighteen industries where women are employed have been canvassed by the commission, and 1,300 employers in the state who employ women were asked to send in reports as to the wages paid their 60,000 female employes. Seven payrolls of 2,596 women were obtained and 8,500 women employes asked about their wages direct. Checking this information over will show what the women are actually receiving and constitutes a check from three different angles of the question. How wages are spent by the women, what percent of the employes are married and widows and numerous other questions along this line will be answered in the report.

The cost to the state for this report will approximate $10,000. Chairman Grenell says that until the figures and tables are compiled and additional information secured, it will be hard to determine just what the commission will recommend relative to recommending to the legislature that a minimum wage for women be established by the statutes in this state.

The three commissioners, who, by the way serve without compensation except for their actual traveling expenses, are: Judson Grenell, chairman; Charles S. Beadle, Detroit, and Myron H. Walker, Grand Rapids. Miss Luella M. Burton of Lansing, is secretary, having been employed as an inspector in the state's labor department for a number of years before accepting the present position. Several women investigators have been employed by the commission in going over the state gathering information.

To Overrule Timidity.

Don't believe that you are unable to overcome timidity. You think you are not because you have always been able to control conditions and people in a way to humor it. Start the fight now: for you may some day find yourself alone, and without the money to buy yourself an audience for your peculiarities.

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NEW BUFFALO.

The German church will hold its annual Christmas exercises on Christmas eve.

Miss Elsie Spink returned home for her vacation to Benton Harbor.

Mrs. David Coats of this city was on her way to Florida last week when a message came that she had been run down by an automobile, which was a shock to her friends here. They all hope for her recovery.

George Rose spent Sunday of last week at his fruit farm near here.

The M. E. church will hold exercises here on Christmas eve.

Mrs. Nelson Schram was taken with a severe attack of heart trouble this week. Her friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Edgar Purdy of Moody Institute, is in town for the Christmas holidays.

Of Course.

"Ma, where do the trees put their green dresses when winter comes?" "In their trunks, my dear."—Baltimore American.

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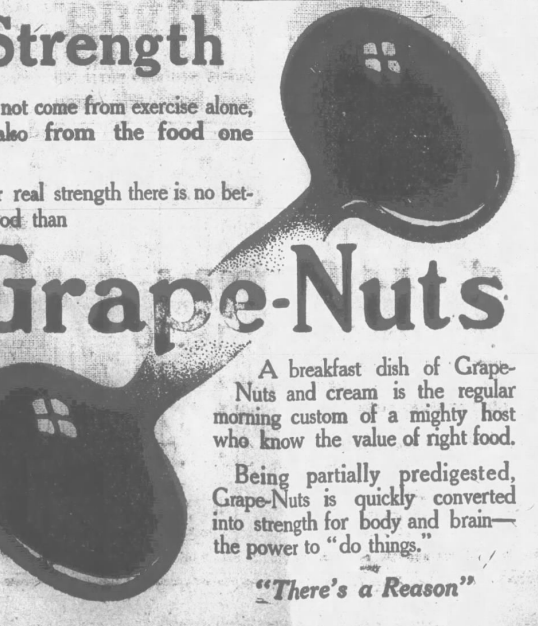

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